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Fushimi Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Fushimi'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Sweet Shishito

Description:

A perfect selection for gardens or patio containers; Fushimi produces an abundance of long, thin walled glossy fruit; emerges green and matures to red; sweet flavor, sometimes ranging into the mild-hot zone; great for tempura, grilled, pickled and sauteed

Edible Qualities

Fushimi Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces green narrow peppers (which are technically 'berries') which can be harvested at any point. The fruit will often fade to red over time. The peppers have a sweet taste and a crisp texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Pickling

Planting & Growing

Fushimi Pepper will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Fushimi Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Fushimi Pepper is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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